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CAPTAIN BURNELL SHOOTS HIMSELF AND CANNOT LIVE Woodford D. Harlan Testi- Official Reader Takes the

Signal Corps Officer, Fearing Incurable Disease, 's Death.

IN A SANITARIUM **NEAR WASHINGTON**

Assurances of Dr. Heller, His Friend, Failed to

United States army, attached to the Signal Corps, is dying today from upon himself at Laurel Sanitarium, Maryland, last night, because he feared he was going insane.

The bullet entered his head just back of the right ear, and at a late hour this afternoon it was said that his death was expected at any minute.

Well Known Here. stationed at Fort Myer, and is well quested some information concerning known in Washington, has been in command of Fort Wood, in New York, for lan said he furnished Benson with the last five years. He had been suffering from neurasthenia, followed by the Mt. Chester tract, and that later

to consult with Dr. Joseph M. Heller, other like amount. of the Farragut. Dr. Heller told him he would have to be under treatment for weeks, and advised him to go to the sanitarium near Washington. Captain Burnell returned to Fort Wood the same evening, and last Friday came back to Washington to go under Dr. Heller's care.

Feared Losing Mind.

ording to Dr. Heller, Captain Burnell feared he was losing his mind, and that he could never be cured.

Dr. Heller ran upstairs, and the other physicians at the sanitarium rushed to the room. Captain Burnell was lying on the floor in front of the dresser with on the floor in front of the dresser with smoking revolver still in his right hand. Blood was flowing from the wound in his head, and he was uncon-

To make sure that the bullet would be effective, Captain Burnell apparently had stood in front of the mirror over his bureau when he fired the shot. When the doctors first examined the wound it was believed he had shot him-

An examination of the revolver, however, showed that only one chamber was empty. The builet had evidently split when it struck the skull, one portion coming out near the left ear, and the other at the top of the head. Everything possible was done by the

Tailed to bring him back to consciousness for even a few seconds. Dr. Heller remained at the sanitarium until late last night.

A. Brann, who has been convicted on one indictment for embezzing a client's funds, and against whom nine others are pending, has forwarded a letter to Governor Fort containing his resignation as a member of the bar.

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(Continued or Captain Burnell had been in ill health for a long time.) physicians to save the army officer's

for a long time, his condition becoming gradually worse. He had suffered a general nervous breakdown which had undermined his general health, and finally became so alarmed about his condition that he came here to see Dr. Heller, with whom he served in Cuba. Dr. Heller was in the regular army five

pears, and is a warm personal friend of Captain Burnell.

Dr. Heller said there was nothing alarming about his condition, and assured him that after a few weeks of (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

WEATHER REPORT.

It will be warmer tonight in the Middle Atlantic States, cooler in the Ohio valley, and interior East Gulf States, and cooler Thursday in the lower Lake region, the Ohio valley, the East Gulf, and interior of the South Atlantic States, and interior of the South Atlantic States.

States.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Delaware Breakwater to Boston, at Baltimore, on the Great Lakes, except Superior and northwestern Michigan, and on the Texas coast.

The above statement, made today by great areas are to be thrown opt of Chief Forester Pinchot, who is also also are to be thrown opt of the northwestern Michigan.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT Rain tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight; increasing East to South winds.

		12 noon 49 1 p. m 49 2 p. m 49 4 SUN TABLE.	since the new Administration came into power. It was issued because of the publication in the West of a number of rumors that the present Administration would undo Roosevelt's forest policy, and is an unequivocal denial of these rumors. "This statement is wholly unnecessary to those acquainted with the real situation," continues Pinchot. "It is made only in answer to a large number of questions asked me during my recent trip through the West, and since my	Pinchot says that it is the policy of the Forest Service and always has been to restore to the public domain any ag- ricultural lands which may have been included in national forests but which are chiefly useful for agriculture. It is the restoration of these lands that	Inck
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TELLS OF SELLING OFFICIAL SECRETS

fies of Leaks in Land Information.

SAYS HE GOT \$500 FOR INSIDE TIPS

Western Men, Witness

Woodford D. Harlan, formerly chief of the special service division of the General Land Office, today in open court recounted the alleged details of sold Government secrets to Capt. George C. Burnell, of the John A. Benson, the San Franciscan, now on trial charged with bribery.

The defendant is specifically accused of having prid Harlan an aggregate the effects of a bullet wound inflicted of \$500 in an effort to learn the contents of the reports of special agents who were, in 1903, investigating the alleged land frauds which terminated last year in the trial of Frederick A. Hyde, Joost H. Schneider, Henry P. Dimond, and Benson, and which resulted in the ac-quittal of Benson and Dimond of the charge of conspiracy brought against

Harlan declared that he met Benson in San Francisco in 1897 and Captain Burnell, who was formerly again on October 3, 1899. Benson regeneral nervous and physical break- Benson sent him \$100 in an envelope Last Tuesday he came to Washington Park, and that later he remitted an-

Washington Meeting.

"After receiving the \$200 from Ben-on when did you next see him?" Dis-Willard Hotel in Washington. He informed me that he had an agency in this city, but I told him I didn't care to do business with more than one man and I would not see his apparent slight to Mrs. Story, as State agent. I then told him I had certain regent of New York, at last night's and that he could never be cured.

Dr. Heller went to the sanitarium to see him yesterday afternoon. Captain Burnell said he could never stand it to remain in the institution another night. He asked Dr. Heller to allow him to accompany him back to Washington, and, as there had been no papers of commitment, the physician did not advise him to stay at the institution against his will.

Dr. Heller had planned to catch the 2:30 car back to Washington, and was waiting in the hall with his overcoat on for Captain Burnell to pack his suit case. The army officer had not been upstairs three minutes when the pistol shot was heard.

Victim Is Found

I looked on the bed. Fifty dollars were

"Yes; he sent me \$100 from San Fran-

hand. Blood was flowing from the wound in his head, and he was unconscious.

Immediately after going upstairs Captain Burrell had apparently started to pack his suit case, and then suddenly changing his mind, started to take off his clothing. He had removed his coat, vest, trousers, and shoes, and wrapped himself in a blanket.

Stood Before Mirror.

To make sure that the hullet would.

Tells of Correspondence.

"I wrote Benson regarding this interview," continued the witness. "I told view," continued the witness. "I told him I was trying to get a copy of this report, and that I would Leep him informed. Some time later he sent me three envelopes, all addressed to "R. I. Smith, Takoma Park." Two of them contained \$200 each, and the third \$100. "In the letters concerning the report, did you say anything about money?" "I told him I thought he work I had done in trying to get the report was worth five or six hundred dollars."

LAWYER RESIGNS.

TRUCE PATCHED UP AMONG DAUGHTERS

Blame for Sensational Story Incident.

DRAMATIC SCENES MARK EXPLANATION

Details Given Benson and Other Developments Today Indicate That President General's Race Is Very Close.

> What Eighteenth D. A. R. Congress Will Do

> > This Afternoon

3 p. m .- Special order of business. Report of Memorial Continental Hall committee, Mrs. Donald Me-Lean, chairman. Further con-tributions to Continental Hall

Tonight.

-Members of the Continental Congress to be the guests of the Sons of the American Revolution of the District.

Tomorrow. a. m .- Congress called to order by the president general, prayer, music, reading of minutes. Nominations and elec-

2:30 p. m.-Reception by President Taft. Evening-Announcement of result of elections if count of the ballot

An explanation by the president general, an apology by the official reader, an acceptance by Mrs. William Cumsession, were the dramatic incidents connected with the third day's session of the Daughters of the American Revo-

Following the rather exciting moments during which these unusual scenes were presented the convention scenes were presented the convention license was refused recently by the settled down to the reading of reports board, in which action it was upheld Pinchot, chief forester.

At the opening of the session today president general, referred to a rather embarrasing situation that had arisen last night, and said that the official reader, Miss Janette Richards wanted planation and apology. Instantly every Daughter was on the qui vive, for there in their original decision. gent candidate, who had a report to make, because New York had not responded on the original roll-call.

Takes All Blame.

Miss Richards frankly admitted that she was all to blame for an incident that had embarrassed the Congress, the State regent of New York, Mrs. Story, and the president general. Hers alone has been the blunder, Miss Richards said, in calling New York the second time, which caused Mrs. Story to walk to the front of the platform, report in general that she could not be recognized at that time, because other States had precedence, having answered the origi-

TAFT TAKES STAND FOR CONSERVATION

Officially Indorses Forest Policy in Statement Given Out by Chief Forester Pinchot—Announcement Made to Set at Rest Rumors in West.

"Any statement that President Taft is | Administration is out of sympathy with

icy and the conservation policy as alleged and stands behind them."

The above statement, made today by Chief Forester Pinchot, who is also chairman of the National Conservation Commission, is the first authoritative statement of the views of President statement of the National Conservation (T am also authorized by the story that dent this morning and with this morning and with this morning and conservation of the thrown ont of the thrown ont of charged Connelly has been at liberty on ball. The killing was the result of a spreaded Connelly has been at liberty on ball. The killing was the result of a spreaded Connelly has been at liberty on ball. The conservation of the views of President statement of the

CHAIRMEN OF LEADING COMMITTEES



MRS. J. ELLEN FOSTER,

Committee On Child Labor.

on Board Will Dock

Soon.

LILLEY IS SINKING;

MRS. ALEXANDER ENNIS PATTEN, Committee On National University.

LICENSE IS REFUSED

Excise Board for Second Time Turns Down Application.

appeal, the Excise Board announced to day that the application of the Char, berlin Club for a liquor license would

not be granted.

The application of the club for a and listening to an address by Gifford by the courts. Upon the ples of a re-Pinchot, chief forester, organization, the election of a new set of officers and a change in the at 11 o'clock Mrs. Donald McLean, tingly, president; Malcolm Hufty, secre tives of the club again appeared before the board, promising if granted a li-cense to conform strictly with the excise laws. The arguments pro absolute quiet, while she made an ex- however, were not considered by the

has been but one topic of conversation Men's Club for a liquor license, which The steamer was sighted at noon.

SENATE BILL GIVES TAFT \$25,000 MORE

Guggenheim Puts in Measure Making Allowance for Travel-

ing Expenses.

An amendment to the census appropriation bill to give President Taft \$25,000 next year for traveling expenses was introduced by Senator Guggenheim today. It will be considered when the appropriation bill comes over from the House.

DEATH CALL COMES TO FORMER SENATOR

David Turpie, for Years a National Figure, Dies in In-

dianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 21 .- Former United States Senator David Turpie, who for years, following the civilwar, was a brilliant character in the public life of the State and the Nation, died suddenly today.

CONNELLY MURDER JURY DISAGREES

No Verdict in Case of Man Who Killed Another During Primary Election.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 21.—After being locked up all night the jury in the murder trial of James F. Connelly,

ELDER DETERMINED TO KILL HIMSELF

BERRYVILLE, Va., April 21 .- Postmaster Robert Elder, who attempted to commit suicide Tuesday, will recover. He declares, however, that he will kill himself even if he does get well.

Cold Storage for Furs. Stinemetz & Son Co., 12th & F Committee On Patriotic Education.

Curt Melnitz, Former Resident of Turkey, Describes Conditions to Taft.

"The Sultan of Turkey instigated the Arrienian riots in order to prove to the civilized world that the liberal party in fanatical Mohammedan hordes has his kingdom is no better than his old o his country, and his power will be This was the statement made at the

Turkey. Mr. Meimiz saw the President for a few minutes' talk, and Friday afternoon he will have a long confer-ence with Mr. Taft on conditions in the Ottoman empire. Owing to the decision reached in the Cabinet meeting yesterday to send American warships to the vicinity of Turkey to protect American citizens, the conference will be of extreme im-Ship With Former President

Lived In Palace.

Mr. Melnitz gained his intimate knowledge of the affairs of Turkey by his residence in the Yildiz Kiosk with Abdul Medjid, one of the princes of the slowly entering the harbor, and is expected to cock within the part hour. pected to cock within the next hour. experiences which read like a romance. among them since Mrs. McLean declined also was the subject of a rehearing, is to recognize Mrs. Story, so-called insurformer President, among the number being F. J. Jackson, acting governor of the protectorate, who received special instructions from King Edward to show the distinguished traveler every possible courtesy.

Mr. Roosevelt will remain here until tomorrow, when he will go to the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, on the Athi river. The Mombasa Club will entertain Mr. Roosevelt and his son, Kermit, at dinner tonight.

er perpetrated in Armenia, his experiences may be of fummense value.

Melnitz was born in Germany, but add to protect the Europeans.

Appeals To Priests.

The Sheik-ul-Islam is telegraphing appeals to the priesthood in Asla Minor to do everything possible to put down the disorders. Similar telegrams have been sent before, but have been ignored, and the Sheik-ul-Islam is desperate.

The province of Aleppo, where the massacres are the most violent and

LEY IS SINKING;

DEATH SEEMS NEAR

Beating from silver and drinking from gold were a few of the commonplace things in his daily life. But Mr. Melnitz was born with a desire to write things for publication, and in his leisure moments he wielded a gold pen which appeared to the Turkish government to have been dipped in vitriol. He sent communications to American newspapers, and these communications appealed to the ruler as entirely too liberal.

Consequently, it was pointed out to massacres are the most violent and widespread, has a population of considerably more than a million. The massacres there are said to be worse than those in Adana, where 5,000 people bave already been slain.

Army Resumes Advance.

BERLIN, April 21.—The Younk Turks' advance against Constantinople was resumed today. Messages from the Turk-Second Relapse in Two Weeks

Recovery.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 21.—For the second time within two weeks, Governor Liliey has suffered a relapse, and today his death is momentarily expected.

At 9 a. m. Dr. Frederick G. Graves stated that Lilley's condition was the same as indicated by the bulletins last night, and that he did not look for another raily.

The governor is in a state of coma, and is now being kept alive by the use of hypodermic injections. All hope of his ultimate recovery has been abandoned. His wife and three sons are at his bedside.

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ENGINEERS HELPLESS

No Water Showing in Famous Whirlpool Rapids at

TO DISLODGE ICE JAM

No Water Showing in Famous Whirlpool Rapids at Niagara, and Situation Hourly Grows More Serious.

Warm Spell Is Chief Hope.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., April 21.— make to move the ice formation would be puny, indeed.

With not an inch of water showing in Water showing in the serious water showing water showing in the serious water showing in the serious water showing in the serious water showing water sh

the famous whirlpool rapids and with a wall of ice extending all along the Niagara river from near the falls to a point far below Lewiston, the city of formed and piled that it is acting as a dam.

With not an inch of water showing in be puny, indeed.

The worst of the ice is piled between

MASSACRES BREAK OVER ASIA MINOR; TROOPS HELPLESS

Fanatical Mohammedans Renew Attacks on Christian Residents.

ENGLISH WARSHIPS HASTEN TO SCENE

Sultan Trying to Save Himself by Appeal to Religious Followers.

Developments Today In the Turkish War

Young Turks troops their march and are at the gates of Constantinople. Renewed outbreaks take place in

Varying reports continue to be received regarding the Sultan, some to the effect that he has ab-Germany making strenuous ef-

forts to "save the face" of the Sul-Hundreds of reactionaries fiee

Emissaries sent by the Sultan to try to win over the Younk Turks shot for attempted bribery. Martial law likely to be declared this afternoon in Constantinople. British cruiser Diana lands

strong force at Alexandretta.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 21. been renewed with redoubled fury conservative following. As a result of throughout a large part of Asia Minor.

Antioch and Biredjik, in the White House today by Curt Melaltz, the only American who ever lived in the province of Aleppo, and Damascus, in Syria, are the new centers of the rurkey. Mr. Melaltz saw the President outrages. The entire province of outrages. The entire province of Aleppo is in a panic, and the few troops on hand are absolutely powerless to protect the people.

Flee To Consulates. Entire villages have been destroyed and burned, and the foreign popula-

Now, when the entire world is shocked to the scene from Malta, is momen-

He will propably dispatch a force in-land to protect the Europeans.

claimed at this afternoon's session of

Orthodoxy Sultan's Friend. SALONIKA, April 21.-If Sultan Abdal Hamid retains his throne, it will he due to the religious zeal of the

rthodox Mohammedans as much as

to any other one cause.

The abdication of the Sultan is imossible, under the Moslem faith. If

Fear Civil War. There is no question but the Young Turks can carry the day, but the con-servatives in their ranks profess to see grave danger of future internal

Niagara river from near the falls to a point far below Lewiston, the city of Niagara Falls and every structure along the banks of the river, to say nething of the trolley tracks and stations, continue today in grave danger.

And there is no help in sight. Unless nature, by one of her peculiar freaks, starts the ice moving as a result of the bottom wearing away with the rapid current, tons of dynamite will not dislodge the formation which is believed to touch bottom and towers at points sixty-five feet above the surface.

United States engineers are on the scene, but admit any efforts they might